FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 12, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2449 - HB 2801**

This bill, if enacted, will allow the Commissioner of Labor to require the use of case management in workers' compensation claims when the medical costs are at least \$7,500 or the work time for an injury reaches a total of at least eight (8) weeks of full-time employment.

Further, this bill, if enacted, allows maximum multipliers, used for figuring permanent partial disability payments, to apply to scheduled member injuries and prohibits multipliers from being used to convert permanent partial disability benefits into total disability benefits.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in a cost avoidance to the Claims Award Fund in the area of permanent partial disability settlements involving scheduled members; however, such cost avoidance cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100.000.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in a cost avoidance to local governments; however, such cost avoidance cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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